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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6: CURRENT ITALIAN POSITION

REFS: A) ROME 4833 (NOTAL); B. BRUNGART/ELY TELECON APR. 5

DEPT PASS STR FOR AMBASSADOR EBERLE

1. ECON/COMM MINISTER CALLED ON GUAZZARONIM DIRECTOR GENERAL  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOREIGN MINISTRY, APRIL 6 TO CONVEY RESULTS OF  
SUNKIST DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (REF A) AND TO  
DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS OF XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. EC/MIN TOLD GUAZZARONI THAT US SIDE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY ENCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH AGMIN BISAGLIA AND HIS ASSOCIATES. ECMIN STRESSED TO GUAZZARONI THAT MAY 15 DATE AND MAY 1 FALL BACK ARE NOT SUFFICIENT ON CITRUS AND EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER IMPASSE WHICH PERSISTS.

3. GUAZZARONI INITIALLY TOOK FAIRLY RELAXED VIEW OF SITUATION. HE SAID THAT ITALY HAD COME QUITE A DISTANCE ON CITRUS, TOBACCO, KRAFT PAPER AND THAT WITH A LITTLE MORE EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. ECMIN REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT SHARE THIS VIEW, POINTING OUT THAT U.S. LATITUDE IS VIRTUALLY NIL. HE STRESSED THAT GUAZZARONI AND GOI SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS POINT CLEARLY.

4. AS ANTICIPATED, GUAZZARONI RAISED QUESTION OF US EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON WOOD PULP. HE SAID THAT HE REALIZED THAT THE US WAS NOT AN IMPORTANT SUPPLIER FOR THE ITALIAN MARKET BUT THAT ITALIAN PULP USERS HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE MFA OF THEIR CONCERN. HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS BUT HE SAID IT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ITALY TO AGREE TO ANYTHING BEYOND THE TARIFF QUOTA IT HAS ALREADY PROPOSED. DRAWING OF REF B, ECMIN EXPLAINED TO GUAZZARONI THAT THE PROGRAM IS NOT RESTRICTIVE, CONTAINS PROVISIONS FOR REVIEW, HONORS ALL EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND PROVIDES A QUITE FAVORABLE BASE FOR ADMINISTRATION RESTRICTIONS. ECMIN ADDED THAT IF THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE LINKED TO ITALIAN PERFORMANCE ON KRAFT PAPER HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO THE US GOVERNMENT THAT IT EXAMINE THE SITUATION WITH A VIEW OF COMING TO SOME KIND OF ACCOMMODATION. GUAZZARONI REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL AND COULD BE USED TO OVERCOME INDUSTRY OBJECTIONS TO APPROVING THE ITALIAN POSITION ON THE COMMUNITY KRAFT OFFER. VOLPE

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